

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC INVESTIGATION INTO THE)	
OPERATION AND MANAGEMENT OF WESTERN)	CASE NO.
LEWIS-RECTORVILLE WATER AND GAS)	2019-00028
DISTRICT PURSUANT TO KRS 74 AND KRS 278)	

ORDER

On January 25, 2019, Western Lewis-Rectorville Water and Gas District (Western Lewis-Rectorville District) filed a motion requesting to schedule an informal conference with Commission Staff (Staff) and to reschedule a hearing scheduled for March 12, 2019. On January 23, 2019, the Commission established this proceeding to conduct a formal investigation into the operation and management of Western Lewis-Rectorville District to address certain operational and managerial irregularities identified in the course of conducting a review of Western Lewis-Rectorville District's application for a rate adjustment for its water service pursuant.¹

As a basis for its request to schedule an informal conference, Western Lewis-Rectorville District asserted that discussing the identified issues with Staff would permit Western Lewis-Rectorville District to explain the issues and answer questions to resolve those issues.

As a basis for its request to reschedule the March 12, 2019 hearing, Western Lewis-Rectorville District states that one of the nine witnesses subpoenaed to testify at

¹ Case No. 2018-00321, *Application of Western-Lewis-Rectorville Water and Gas District for Rate Adjustment for Small Utilities Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:076* (filed Sept. 24, 2018).

the hearing would be out of the state on the date of the hearing and two other witnesses are certified public accountants whose availability is limited during tax season.

Having reviewed the motion and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Commission finds that Western Lewis-Rectorville District established good cause to reschedule the hearing. Therefore, the Commission finds that the formal hearing in this matter should be rescheduled for Tuesday, May 7, 2019, at 9 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time.

The Commission further finds that Western Lewis-Rectorville District failed to establish good cause to schedule an informal conference with Staff, and therefore the request should be denied. As noted above, Staff identified the operational and managerial irregularities in the course of reviewing Western Lewis-Rectorville District's rate case, which included an on-site visit with interviews conducted by Staff. Western Lewis-Rectorville District's inability to articulate a satisfactory response to the issues identified in that matter resulted in the Commission initiating this proceeding. The identified managerial and operation issues are of significant concern, testimony and evidence should be proffered before the Commissioners in a public formal hearing, and not informally to Staff.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. Western Lewis-Rectorville District's motion is granted in part and denied in part.
2. Western Lewis-Rectorville District's request to schedule an informal conference is denied.

3. Western Lewis-Rectorville District's request to reschedule the March 12, 2019 hearing is granted.

4. Western Lewis-Rectorville District shall appear on Tuesday, May 7, 2019, at 9 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time, in Hearing Room 1 of the Commission's offices at 211 Sower Boulevard in Frankfort, Kentucky, for the purpose of investigating issues related to the operation and management of Western Lewis-Rectorville District.

5. The May 7, 2019 hearing shall be recorded by digital video recording only.

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By the Commission



ATTEST:


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